

Caledonian

No. 9910. EDINBURGH,



Mercury

MONDAY, MARCH 21. 1785.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

On THURSDAY March 24. 1785.

Will be performed, the Tragedy of

B R A G A N Z A.

Don Juan Duke of Braganza.—Mr CLINCH;

Velasquez, the Spanish minister.—Mr WOODS.

The Dukes of Braganza.—Mrs YATES.

To which will be added, a Farce, called,

THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Tickets to be had, and places for the boxes to be taken at the office of

the Theatre.

HADDINGTON ASSEMBLY

IS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY THE 29TH INSTANT.—To begin

at 7 o'clock.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS IN PRISON.

From the Association for preserving the Peace in the County of Berwick.

THREE persons, who have assumed the names, and are of the descriptions aforesaid, of a very suspicious appearance, refusing to give any account of themselves, were, on 17th current, committed prisoners to the jail of Greenlaw, for a riot, and ill treating a member of the above Association.—If any person or persons have suffered by them, or have any thing to lay to their charge, it is requested they will immediately give information thereof to John Cockburn writer in Dunfermline.

WILLIAM MURRAY, a little tight fellow, about five feet five, low complexion, dark hair, with a cut in the middle of his forehead, dressed in an old blue sailor's jacket, the buttons all torn off, dirty light blue waistcoat, and long trousers, a spotted handkerchief about his neck.

JAMES STEWART, five feet seven, thin made, thick bushy brown hair, hanging down behind, and a curl on each side, remarkable low forehead, gray eyes, and longish nose, dressed in a blue green sailor's jacket, with white buttons, a dirty old fustian waistcoat, with horn buttons, long trousers, and a red spotted handkerchief about his neck.

JOHN RICHARDSON, about five feet six, thin faced, dark short hair, grey eyes, a small scar on his left cheek near his mouth; says he was born on the coast of America; dressed in an old light blue sailor's jacket, with white buttons, an old blue waistcoat, bound with white, coarse grey cloth breeches, black stockings; is remarkably small legged; has on his left arm a cross, together with an anchor, and I. R. 1782, and on his right arm a mermaid, with a crown above, and S. H. below, done with gunpowder.

ANNUITY.

WANTED to purchase, an Annuity of L. 200 or L. 300 per annum, on the life of a Gentleman about 58 years of age, and for which an adequate price is ready to be paid.—Heritable security, or other undoubted security, will be required for the regular payment of the Annuity.

For further particulars, application may be made to James Walker, writer to the signet. Not to be repeated.

THE outmost House and Garden, west end of the Siennes, to SET or SELL, consisting of dining-room, a small parlour, servants-room, pantry, kitchen, and other conveniences, in the under storey.—Drawing-room, bed-room, two bed-closets, and other closets in the top storey.—Two excellent garrets, with three bed-places in them, and cellars.

For particulars apply to Mr John Biggar manufacturer in Siennes, or at the house. This not to be repeated.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN BEAUMONT tacksman of the coal of Blackhouse.

THE personal estate of the said John Beaumont was, under the authority of the statute, sequestrated by the Court of Session, and first a factor, and thereafter trustees were appointed thereon; and upon the 10th January 1784, Lord Braxfield, Ordinary on the Bills, under the authority of the statute passed in the 23d year of the reign of his present Majesty, allowed the said sequestration to subsist, and to be carried on under such regulations as the Court should afterwards devise and appoint.

Thereafter, upon the 18th March current, the Lord Justice-Clerk, Ordinary on the Bills, appointed the creditors of the said John Beaumont, to meet at Ayr, within the house of Robert Wharton vintner there, upon Wednesday the 30th current, at twelve o'clocknoon, to name an interim-factor, or to continue the former trustees, or choose others in their place, in terms of the last-mentioned statute; and granted warrant and commission to the Sheriff-depute of Ayrshire, or his Substitute; whom failing, to any of the Magistrates of Ayr, or Justices of the Peace of said county, to attend said meeting, receive production of their grounds of debt, with oaths on the verity thereof, and to sign the minutes of the meeting, along with the Preses to be chosen therat, and thereafter to transmit said minutes, with the acceptance of the factor, or trustee or trustees, to the hands of the clerk to the sequestration, to be kept among the records of Court for the benefit of all concerned; and with power to the creditors to suggest such rules and regulations as may appear proper, to the effect of obtaining an equal distribution of the said sequestrated personal estate, in terms of, and consistently with the general plan of the said late act of Parliament.

Of this meeting of creditors, this public notice is given, that all concerned may attend.

GORGIE PRINTING FIELD,

NEAR EDINBURGH, 1785.

JAMES REID and COMPANY continue to PRINT LINEN, and COTTON CLOTH for Household Furniture, Garments, &c. after the best manner.

Books containing great VARIETY of new fashionable Patterns to be seen, and Cloths taken in for printing.

By Mr Thomas Michie, head of Liberton's Wynd,

Mr Charles Eplin, and Co. opposite the Guard,

Mr Samuel Paterson, Luckenbooths,

Mr John Young, Grafton-street,

Mr James Orr, Leith.

Mr Fraser, Bonnyhaugh.

Mr Stewart, Musselburgh.

Mrs Douglas, ditto.

Mrs Young, Dalkeith.

Mr John Carfrae, Haddington.

Mr Wood, Gifford.

Mr Manderston, North Berwick.

Mr John Morrison, Berwick.

Mr Gray, Dunfermline.

Mr Glendinning, Greenlaw.

Mr Fraser, Kelso.

Mr Hill, Jedburgh.

Miss Paisley, Hawick.

Mr Lamb, Selkirk.

Mr Allan, Dumfries.

Mr Hope, Langholm.

Mr Findlay, Lanark.

N. B. This year are added a large choice of New PATTERNS, both for Furniture, Garments, and Shawls.

Great choice of printed Cottons and Shawls, at the lowest prices.

Mr Lichgown, Falkirk.

Mr Balderston, Linlithgow.

Mr Marshall, Borrowstounness.

Mrs Martin, Queensferry.

Miss Baird, Stirling.

Mr Wilson, Whitburn.

Mr Johnston, Alloa.

Miss Wardlaw, Dunfermline.

Mr Brown, Kirkcaldy.

Mr Heen, Leven.

Mr Webster, Leven.

Mr Kelty, Auchtermuchty.

Mr Skinner, Kettle.

Mr Young, Coupar Fife.

Mr Swap, Dundee.

Mr Cargill, Dunkeld.

Mr Niven, Pennycuick.

And at the Printfield.

To be LET, and entered to at 11 o'clock next, or sooner, the EVEN LODGE, unfurnished, with the Offices and Garden. The House is fit to accommodate a genteel family. The apartments are neat; the drawing-room in particular is an elegant well-proportioned room, of about 30 feet in length and 14 in height.

There are a variety of offices, particularly a good stable, with stalls for four horses, a large coach-house, with hay-lofts over both, a brew-house, cow-house, hen-house, cellars, and a bathing-room fitted up. The garden, which may be entered to immediately, consists of about three acres, the walks well laid out, and the whole in good order, mostly surrounded with a brick wall, planted with fruit-trees of the best kinds. The house is well aired, free of smoke and vermin. It is situated at the west end of the Meadows, with an entry from it, and another by the turnpike-road leading to the Wright's Houses, within the toll-bar. The premises may be seen at any time by calling at the house.

For particulars apply to John Dundas clerk to the signet.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the house of John Campbell vintner in Perth, on Tuesday the 24th May next,

The Estate of LEDNOCH, in the parish of Methven, and shire of Perth, about six miles from the town of Perth, pleasantly situated on the banks of the Almond. The whole is inclosed, and great part of it subdivided. There is a commodious mansion-house on the estate, with a good garden and orchard, and several thriving plantations.

For further particulars, enquire of James Miller writer in Perth, or James Miller writer in Edinburgh.

LANDS NEAR BERWICK.

TO be SOLD at the Red Lion in Berwick upon Tweed, on Monday the second day of May next, between the hours of four and five in the afternoon, in the following lots,

LOT I. The Lands called NEW WATERHAUGH, situated about a mile and a half from Berwick aforesaid, at the yearly rent of 147 l.

Upon these lands there is an elegant and convenient mansion-house, fit for the accommodation of a gentleman's family, with a large garden, chauffe-house, farm-house, and other suitable offices. The estate is beautifully situated on the banks of the river Tweed and Whittaker, of a rich soil, and a considerable part of it occupied as garden grounds. On this estate is also a considerable quantity of fir, ash, and other trees, full grown, and fit for cutting.

LOT II. The Lands called FAIRNEY FLAT, situated about two miles from Berwick aforesaid, let at the yearly rent of 65 l. This estate is well inclosed, and every way in good order.

For further particulars, enquire of Mr Edward Willoughby town-clerk of Berwick, or the Reverend Dr Robert Henry Edinburgh.

N. B. Both these estates are on the north side of the Tweed.

TO be SOLD by public roup in the house of Mrs Driver inn-keeper in Montrose, on Friday the 3d day of June next, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The LANDS and Estate of GALLARY, in the parish of Logie Pert, and county of Forfar, of 343 l. 17 s. 9 d. 1-6th Sterling free yearly rent, besides services and carriages, with the salmon fishing in the river North Esk.

The lands in whole consist of 800 acres and upwards, situated in a good country, and well tenanted; within four miles of Montrose, and the like distance from Brechin.

The house is large and commodious, and the out-houses and gardens correspondent.

The farm about the house contains 200 acres of good land, well inclosed. The trees are of considerable value, and the place in general both in its appearance, and for its convenience, fitted for the residence of a gentleman of fortune.

The river North Esk adds considerably to its beauty, as it runs near the house and circumscribes one side of the home farm, and the roads on all sides are made and kept in good repair.

There is a great deal of game upon the estate, and the river furnishes salmon for the table, and amusement to the skilful fisher.

The lands hold of the Crown, and are valued in the cens-books at 372 l. 18 s. 4 d. Scots.

For particulars apply to Mr Thomas Macdonald clerk to the signet, or Mr Thomas Stewart, town-clerk of Montrose.

SALE OF THE LANDS OF TECHMUIRY.

TO be SOLD by public roup within the house of George Smith vintner in Aberdeen, upon the 21st June 1785, at six o'clock afternoon.

The Whole Lands and Estate of TECHMUIRY, comprehending the Mansion-house, Office houses, Gardens, Mains and Cot Town thereof; Meikle and Little Burntacks, and Cot Town thereof, south and west Mains, Marnoch, Winewell, Dennismark, Whitehog, Moffat, Flectabout, and Mill and Mill Town of Techmuir, with the moles, lime quarry, and whole privileges and pertinents, lying within the parish of Frazerburgh, and shire of Aberdeen. The yearly rent whereof, reckoning the meal, customs, and services at reasonable conversations, is 275 l. 6 s. 5 d. Sterling. The upset price to be 5024 l. 15 s. 10 d. Sterling, with the burden of M's Gordon's life-rent on certain parts of the lands.

As the farms are just now mostly out of lease, and the soil good, with a little money laid out, the rent may be considerably increased. The lands hold blend of the Crown, and intitle the proprietor to vote for a member of parliament. They lie in a plentiful and pleasant country, within four miles of the town of Frazerburgh, and three from Roseberry and Strichen, are uncommonly well and conveniently supplied with moss and lime-stone, within themselves.

The title-deeds, rental, and conditions of sale, may be seen in the hands of Robert Garden Advocate in Aberdeen, and copies of the rental, and articles of roup, will be shown by Alexander Forbes junior, writer in Edinburgh. To either of whom, any persons may apply for further particulars.

F FARMS in the Parish of CRAWFORD

T O L E T.

THE following Farms lying in the parish of Crawford, and county of Lanark, viz.

The Lands of ELWANFOOT and PUBLIC HOUSE, presently possessed by William Gibson, formerly let at 133 l. 16 s. 3 d. 1-4th.

N. B. The public house is to be repaired.

KIRTON of CRAWFORD, possessed by ditto, formerly let at 80 l.

N. B. An outleaf to be built on this farm.

HALF of GLENDOURAIN, possessed by James Cleland, at 20 l.

HALF of the Farm of BRAEHEAD.

The Farms will be let at Abington, upon Friday the 1st day of April 1785, at ten o'clock forenoon, on a tack of 19 years, or such other period as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday 1785, in case the same are not set before that time.

The public house of Elwanfoot is well situated for business. It lies upon the great road from Glasgow to Carlisle, Moffat, and Dumfries; and is the only proper stage betwixt Douglas Mill and Moffat. The present tenant has constant employment for a post-chaise; the house is resorted to daily by the diligences and stage-coaches that pass the road, and their companies; and the public house, which is to be put into proper repair, will be let, either with a small farm of arable ground, or with a large sheep-farm and the fall farm jointly, as can be agreed on.

The above farms consist either of excellent sheep-pasture, or of good arable lands; and the superior quality, and dryness and healthiness of the grounds, as sheep-pasture, are universally known. These grounds will be shown by Matthew Craig, baron-officer of Crawford.

Proposals for leases may be given into Mr Samuel Mitchelson junior, clerk to the signet; and such as are not accepted, will be kept secret, if desired.

N. B. This year are added a large choice of New PATTERNS, both for Furniture, Garments, and Shawls.

Great choice of printed Cottons and Shawls, at the lowest prices.

GRASS PARKS.

TO be SET for one or more years as may be agreed upon, by public roup, at Preston, near Linlithgow, on Tuesday the 29th of March current, and entered to immediately, the following Inclosures, viz.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 16.

PASSED the Perth road bill.

Read a second time and committed for the morrow the militia bill.

Ordered several road bills to be engrossed.

Mr Stanley presented a petition from the gentlemen, clergy, merchants, traders, and manufacturers of the town and vicinity of Manchester, &c. &c. complaining in very strong terms of the tax imposed on fustians, calicoes, and other cotton manufactures. The petition, with its signature, amounting to 80,000, formed a most formidable roll. This petition having been read at the table, Mr Stanley moved, that the same be taken into consideration on Monday.

Mr Pitt said, he did not mean to detract from the weight and respectability of those who signed the petition, or to present to attempt to invalidate its assertions, which, if substantiated, were certainly a sufficient ground of repeal; but he saw no reason why it should be fixed for hearing on Monday, when it would most probably interfere with the weighty business in which the House was at present engaged. It was true, he said, it did not require much ingenuity to connect this with the Irish business, by saying, that whatever indulgence we should grant to Ireland, ought certainly to depend on the state of our own manufactures, which therefore, demanded a previous discussion. But as the business might be considered as independent of this relation, by attending to the manner in which it affected our exports, he hoped it would rather be discussed on that ground, than be connected with a matter already sufficiently complicated and diffuse. If it could be proved, as had been asserted, that by this tax an export duty was laid on these articles, without a proportionate addition to the revenue, in that case he should be the first man to move for its repeal. But at the same time that he admitted the magnitude of the business, he did not see the necessity of pressing it forward, so as to divert the attention of the House from affairs which required their immediate attention.

Mr Fox said, the Right Honourable Gentleman, in admitting the subject of this petition to be connected with the business now in consideration, had furnished, in his opinion, a conclusive argument for giving it an immediate hearing. If the prayer of it was granted on good grounds, and the tax repealed, no objection would then lie against the indulgence which the manufacturers of Ireland were about to receive; or should the tax be modified, and its ill effects removed, the objections would, in like manner, vanish. But, for the same reason, it would be improper to proceed in the Irish business, while this matter was left undecided by the House.

Mr Stanley and Mr Egerton represented the pressing distresses of the manufacturers, who, from the present ruined state of their business, were gradually discharged as they brought in their work. Forty thousand persons were now unemployed in consequence of the tax, the greater part of whom were at present supported by the charitable collections of the neighbourhood; a circumstance that should plead in the strongest manner against any delay.

Lord Beauchamp and Mr Burke followed the preceding members to the same purpose.

Mr Dundas said, that, as the hearing of counsel and examination of witnesses would occupy the remainder of the week, and might probably be continued on Monday; it would, therefore, be unjust to delay the witnesses already in town, by appointing an intermediate day for those who were not yet summoned.

After a long conversation, it was determined, that Monday should be appointed for hearing the petition.

Mr Burke then called the attention of the House to the case of upwards of an hundred convicts, now under sentence of transportation to an island in the river Gambia, on the coast of Africa. This place, he said, he would not stile merely an unwholesome situation; but would call it the throne and capital residence of pestilence, where destruction preyed with unceasing devastation. It seemed, he said, as if on dismilling these wretches from our sight, we were careless about their fate; and that, while we meant a relaxation of the law, there was, in fact, more cruelty in our humanity, than in the utmost rigour of justice. This, he thought an object that demanded the attention of the House; to bring it under their view, therefore, a number of motions were necessary.

On Mr Burke's going to make his first motion, containing an account of the number and crimes of the convicts, it was suggested, that it would be more eligible to submit the motions already prepared to the attention of the House; accordingly, the business, after a few observations of Mr Alderman Newnham, was postponed to a future day.

Mr Pitt proposed, that certain extracts from the reports of the Committee of Council should be read. This being done, the Counsel on the Manchester petition were then called in, who went into a variety of argument in support of the different allegations.

The Counsel having withdrawn, the House then proceeded to examine the evidence referred to.

Mr Peel, an eminent manufacturer of Manchester was then examined. The questions proposed to this evidence led into a minute detail of the expenses incident to the different branches of the cotton manufacture, and a comparative statement of those in the different kingdoms, so far as could be made from his experience here, and the intelligence he had received from Ireland. It appeared from Mr Peel, that the Irish manufacturer, after paying a duty of ten one-half per cent. which was looked on as an equivalent to the internal excise of this kingdom, would, from the cheapness of labour, and exemption from taxes, still retain a superiority of at least thirteen per cent. The evidence, who employed more than 6000 persons, and paid an annual excise of 20,000*l.*, was then asked, whether, under these circumstances, he should carry on the manufacture to the same extent he had hitherto done, if the present propositions were passed into a law? He replied, that he most certainly should to the same, or a greater extent, but it would be in Ireland! The question being then put, whether he knew any other manufacturers that entertained the same opinions, he affirmed, that all who had communicated their sentiments to him entertained a similar determination.

This evidence, which went out into a great length, and comprehended a variety of minute particulars, being read over to Mr Peel by the clerk, it was then proposed that the counsel should proceed, but it being past eleven o'clock, it was agreed to adjourn.

From the London Papers, March 17.

L O N D O N .

The Parliament will not be prorogued so early as was

first imagined; the talk now is, soon after his Majesty's birthday.

It is said the members of the House of Commons will not have more than five days recess at Easter.

The fishery business will be gone into immediately after the Easter recess.

On these, and other very momentous topics, which press forward for discussion, without delay, it is to be hoped, the fullest attendance will be enforced. The call should be rigidly kept up once a week, throughout the session.

On Monday last, in the House of Commons, Mr Dundas, after a few preliminary observations on the importance and necessity of the business, moved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the British Fisheries. Mr Dempster seconded the motion. A Committee was accordingly appointed.

The most authentic accounts from Petersburg say, that the Empress of Russia has declared to his Prussian Majesty (upon the late political negotiation) her resolution of supporting the Emperor of Germany in the exchange of Bavaria for part of the Low Countries, with all her forces.—In which case the King of Prussia will be powerfully supported by the Court of France, and, in all human probability the Empress's declaration will produce a general war.

Authentic advices from Amsterdam, dated March 9, declare, that the preparations for war are carrying on in all parts of the United Provinces with the utmost vigour and dispatch.

The same accounts assure us, that the Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt has, within these few days, entered into an alliance with the States General; and that a body of 3000 troops in the service of that prince are immediately to march to the frontiers of Holland, in case of a rupture with the Emperor.

Letters from Brussels, dated March 6, mention, that the French ministry were taking every method to influence the petty princes of the Empire in favour of Holland; but that their negotiations had not been successful, except with the Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt, who has for many years past taken the ton from the Court of Versailles.

We have undoubted intelligence from Paris of the following very important facts:

The French Minister at Berlin has written to Vergennes, that the King of Prussia's Minister at Vienna says the Emperor is determined to persist in his demands to have Bavaria annexed to his Imperial dominions. This has caused immediate orders from the King of Prussia for forage and provisions to be prepared for an army of 180,000 troops in one body, and of 80,000 in another; and he is resolved to take the field as soon as the frost will permit his troops to march. The French Ministers are eager to keep back from openly declaring, till the Emperor makes some movements; while we may be assured, at the same time, they are waiting the event of our proceedings in regard to the differences in the Cabinet.

A letter from Berlin, dated March 1, says, "The motions of the Austrian troops begin to make our Court uneasy. The three different encampments, which the Emperor intends to form next spring, seem rather designed to act offensively than defensively. It is assured that the opening of the Scheldt is not the only object which at present engages his Imperial Majesty's attention. Our Sovereign has consequently given orders for the purchase of 10,000 horses; several contractors have offered to furnish every requisite for transporting the artillery and equipage. The officers are to be supplied with horses at the King's expense. The Elector of Saxony has been solicited to furnish 12,000 of his troops to join 30,000 Prussians in establishing a camp at Königsberg, while a Prussian army of 80,000 men is to be assembled in the environs of Schweidnitz to penetrate, if required, into Bohemia and Moravia."

By the Leeward Island mail of yesterday, there is an imperfect account of a hurricane at Jamaica, the middle of January, but the particulars are not mentioned: Two ships are said to be lost at Port-Royal.

PRICE OF STOCKS, MARCH 17.	Ditto 1751, —
Bank Stock, flat,	India Stock, —
5 per cent. Stock, 88,	3 per cent. Ann. —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, flat,	India Bonds, paid, —
3 per cent. con. 55 <i>1/2</i> a 3 <i>1/2</i> a 3 <i>1/2</i> ,	3 per cent. red. 3 <i>1/2</i> .
3 per cent. red. 3 <i>1/2</i> ,	Ditto unpaid, 3 <i>1/2</i> .
3 per cent. 1726 <i>1/2</i> ,	Exchequer Bills, —
Long Ann. 16 <i>1/2</i> a 3 <i>1/2</i> 16 <i>1/2</i> ,	Navy Bills, 15 a 1 <i>1/2</i> disc.
Short Ann. 1778,	
South Sea Stock, —	
3 per cent Old Ann. —	
Ditto New Ann. 54 <i>1/2</i> ,	

WIND AT DEAL,
March 16. N. N. E.

F D I N B U R G H :

Extract of a letter from London, March 17.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

"The Lords in a Committee went through the bill to enable the Justices of Oyer and Terminer to sit and hold sessions for the county of Middlesex, after Easter Day.

"Read a third time and passed the mutiny bill.

"Read a second time the Beverley road bill.

"After which, Counsel were further heard on the appeal, wherein Mrs Anstruther Paterson, and Philip Anstruther Paterson, Esq; her husband, are appellants, and Stephen Bromfield, Esq; respondent. Mr Adam was heard as second counsel for the respondent. About five o'clock, Mr Ilay Campbell, the Lord Advocate, concluded the arguments of the counsel, in a very able reply; after which Lord Loughborough merely moved, that it should be remitted to the Court of Session in Scotland.

"The Lord Chancellor left the woolpack *pro forma*, and read the motion, which was unanimously agreed to, Lord Sidney being the only Peer present, which occasioned the Lord Chancellor to smile, and observe, that there was no occasion for him (looking at the empty benches) to say anything upon the subject. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"The House of Commons met this day, and the Sergeant at Arms was dispatched in search of members to make up the number of one hundred, in order to ballot for a committee to try the merits of the late election for the county of Bedford. About four o'clock, upwards of that number were got together; but after those, disqualified, for sitting on a committee were counted, not enough were left to proceed to a ballot, and the House adjourned till to-morrow.

"The controversial election for Bedfordshire, to try which the House could not ballot for a committee, is expected to prove a very tedious and expensive business. The sitting member is Lord Ongley, and the petitioner the Honourable Saint Andrew Saint John.

"The call of the House stands for Tuesday next, but it will most probably be postponed to a future day.

"There is every reason to suppose, that nothing conclusive will be done respecting the commercial intercourse between Great Britain and Ireland, this side the Easter holidays, as you were some time ago informed. As to a Parliamentary Reform, it certainly will not be brought forward these three or four weeks to come, as the Irish business must first be got rid of.

"The adjusting the commercial intercourse forming between Great Britain and Ireland, becomes every day more and more serious. The minister certainly dislikes the business; and, if any conjecture is to be formed from the conduct of the Administration, as well as the language of their friends, the intended arrangement for the accommodation of Great Britain and Ireland, is more with a view of quieting the people of the latter, than to the interest of the former country."

In the conversation which took place on Wednesday last, in the House of Commons, for the repeal of the fustian and cotton tax imposed last year, in consequence of a petition presented from 80,000 people of Lancashire, Sir William Cuninghame took the liberty of reminding Mr Pitt of the petition presented from the 12,000 people of Glasgow; to which Sir William expected Mr Pitt would pay attention, as that tax bore as hard upon them, as the fustian tax does upon Lancashire. To this Mr Pitt chose to give no answer.

John Scott, Esq; of Gala, died here on Thursday the 17th.

On the 17th inst. died here, Mr Robert Watt of Woodend, writer in Edinburgh.

Tuesday last, the Livingston, Gordon, from Leith, arrived in the Thanes, all well.

We hear from Falkirk, that, on Friday last, one William Hugh was committed to Stirling jail by a warrant from the Sheriff. It is reported that he presented a forged receipt for payment of a bill due by him at the Sheriff-Court of Stirling.

Friday afternoon, the body of a woman was found on the Sands of Leith. From several circumstances, it appears that she had drowned herself.

Saturday afternoon, the body of a chairman in Edinburgh was found in a quarry, full of water, at the head of Burnside Links. His great coat was lying on the bank at the top of the quarry.

Mrs Yates is arrived in this city, and is engaged to perform a few nights at the Theatre-Royal here. Her first appearance will be on Thursday, in the character of the Duchess of Braganza. *(See Advertisement.)*

On Wednesday evening, died at Greysouthen, near Cockermouth, Mr Joseph Watson, in an advanced age, one of the people called Quakers, and many years a respectable flax-dealer in Whitehaven.—The same day, in Quay-street, Whitehaven, Mrs Hodgson, one of the people called Quakers, a maiden lady, and greatly respected.—Also the same day, in Seathouse-street, Whitehaven, Mrs Abigail White, widow.—It is somewhat remarkable, that these three persons formerly lived in the same house during a period of 24 years, and all died on the same day.

Lately died, Mr Joseph Bond, of Agliobdy, Northumberland, one of the people called Quakers, aged 102. He had been blind for about thirty years, but retained his memory till near his dissolution.

Extract of a letter from Forfar, March 19.

"This day, Andrew Low, aged 22, was executed here in consequence of the Sheriff's sentence, for house-breaking and theft, and behaved himself with a great deal of composure and seeming sincere repentance."

Much praise is given by certain persons to his Grace of Rutland, for the commercial propositions: They may be very good; but what the people complain of is, they have not had time to consider whether they are good or not; and though they are said to be a disadvantage to Great Britain, yet every delay is there given for deliberation. The conclusion to be drawn from thence is, if a measure be good, you must not consider it, for fear you would dislike it; but if it be injurious, consider a great deal, that you may be the more inclined to agree to it. Strange doctrine—irreconcileable to common sense.

Dublin Envoy.
When time was asked to consider of the propositions by Mr Hartley and Mr Corry, the ministerial argument was—no—don't give time to the people of England to petition against the measure; if you do, you will lose the system. Yet Mr Pitt observes quite a different mode; either, then, he is of a different opinion, or he is not a sincere friend to the measure.

Mr Eden moved in the English House of Commons for an account of the duties paid on the importation of iron into Ireland, which was not complied with, on account of the indisposition of the proper officer; but Mr Rous promised they should the next day be presented. When Mr Corry and Mr Griffith sought similar information, they were answered here, that there was no proper officer to give the information. How strangely opposite is the conduct of the English and Irish Administrations? There, time after time is given for deliberation; here all is hurry: There every species of information is granted; here, the same information is refused; and yet we were told, the more we consider the propositions, the better we should like them. Let those in the secret explain the motives of this behaviour; to all others it must appear paradoxical.

A mercantile correspondent takes the liberty to suggest to our House of Commons, in case the commercial propositions should be rejected in London by the British Parliament, the expediency of a resolution of the House to this effect:

"Resolved, That any commissioners or other officer of the revenue in Ireland, pretending to explain the act of navigation in this kingdom, otherwise than the same act is explained in Great Britain, is guilty of an high misdemeanor, and an enemy to his country."

Such a measure will effectually serve Ireland, by securing her West India merchants the full advantages of our own market at least.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, March 12.

"We hear, that, in consequence of the conduct of the Upper House, relative to some of the money bills which were not sent back as usual to the Commons, the gentlemen of the Treasury Bench, who manage the business of the finance, are determined next session to recur to the ancient mode of including all the supply in one or two bills.

"In consequence of the Lords refusing to send back some of the money bills, the Speaker sent yesterday evening for the Lord Chancellor, and had a conference with his Lordship in his chamber. After the Chancellor's return, and a long consultation held amongst the Peers in a private conversation, the

House was ordered to be cleared of all strangers, and the matter was maturely debated: What the event was, will be known this day, by the bills either coming down or being detained: Should the latter be the case, a rupture will perhaps take place between the two Houses.

It has been usual, when any disagreement broke out between the Peers and Commons, which could not easily be adjusted, to prorogue the Parliament. Such was the conduct in the case of Ashby and White. It was also done here many years ago, when the Lords, with true patriotic spirit, declared Ireland independent of the kingdom of England, and after repeated messages could not get the Commons to join in the resolution. A speedy prorogation would not much embarrass the Minister, as the principal money bills are ready for the Royal assent. The Court business may be said to be over, and it would prevent for a time any farther altercation on Parliamentary reform, attachments, Judges independence, &c. &c."

Extract of a letter from Berwick, March 15.

The Berwick Packet, Captain Wait, went on shore upon the Fern Islands on Friday morning last. The crew and most part of the cargo are saved. She was one of the best smacks belonging to the Old Fishing Company, and her loss is estimated at upwards of £1400."

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

BING out of town last week, I had not an opportunity of seeing your paper of Wednesday last, nor the *Advertiser* of Friday, until Sunday evening. To my utter astonishment, I read a paragraph in both of these papers, in which my character is, in the highest degree, interested, both as a magistrate and a man.

From the article in the papers, as alledged to have been contained in the oath of Middleton emitted in the trial of Stewart and Gordon, it would appear, and seems to imply, that it was the general practice in the investigation of crimes, for all persons, under accusations not capital, to be flogged into confession; and for such confessions to have been afterwards used against the persons from whom they had been extorted.

If such was the case, there is no censure or punishment to which, I do acknowledge, I ought not to be subjected: But as the story, as said to have been told by the witness, is contrary to the fact, it becomes necessary to state the case as it really stands.

From the great number of boys in this place that commit crimes, and are not objects of public trial and punishment, it has been in use, after repeated transgressions, sometimes to order them a private chastisement, and to dismiss them. Stewart and Frazer had been repeatedly before me as thieves and pick-pockets, and were both banished the county in February 1784. After which they were again taken up for house-breaking; and Frazer was, on that occasion, ordered a private chastisement, and then dismissed. Stewart was dismissed without being chastised: But Stewart was not present at Frazer's chastisement, nor were any declarations whatever taken from them at the time; and there never was an instance of any person receiving any chastisement, except incorrigible boys, who were not then of age to be made proper objects of public trial.

It is subject of regret that I was not present during the witnessess examination; and that the counsel on either side did not send for me after it was concluded, as it would have afforded me an opportunity of giving immediately the explanation I have now done, and which, I make no doubt, would have been satisfactory to the Court and them. I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

Sheriff Clerk's Office, AR. COCKBURN.
Edin. 21st March, 1785.

By the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

The letter, of which the following is a copy, having been given to the Lord Provost, the same is submitted to the consideration and animadversion of the public.

MY LORD,

Edinburgh, 18th March, 1785.

THE Principal Heirors of the street called the Cowgate, apprehending that the Bridge, intended to be built across the Cowgate, will considerably diminish the value of their properties, they presented a petition to your Lordship and the Magistrates, signifying that they would not wish to oppose a scheme which will be beneficial to the community at large, and an ornament to the city; but as it will be an advantage to their properties, and of great general utility to have a street of communication from the High-Street to the Cowgate, they make no doubt but the Honourable Magistrates will listen to this desire of the Heirors of the Cowgate, provided the expence of this street of communication shall bring no expence upon the public. The draft of the bill takes in an area of one hundred and fifty feet westward from the west wall of the Tron Church, and from that southward two hundred feet; and what the Heirors of the Cowgate would humbly propose is, that your Lordship and Magistrates may be pleased to add to this part of the bill the houses on the west side of Merlin's Wynd, and both sides of Peebles Wynd, southward from the above-mentioned two hundred feet to the Cowgate; and if the Trustees shall find, that there is any probability that the proposed communication will be attended with expence to the public, the Heirors of the Cowgate shall not insist on its being executed, though included in the bill.

We are, with great respect,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servants, &c.

By permission of the Lord Provost.

TO-MORROW, and every Evening till further notice, In the Dancing Room, St Mary's Chapel, Niddry's Wynd, THE CELEBRATED SIEUR REA, SENIOR, Who exhibited in this City fifteen years since, and is just arrived from abroad,

So well known for his capital performances, which he has exhibited above twenty years with general applause, intends to entertain the Ladies and Gentlemen with his

Grand Medley of Entertainments.

The Performance consists of Philosophical Experiments, Mathematical Operations, and Magical Deceptions. The particulars are mentioned in the hand bills, and are not to be equalled by any other person in Europe.

To begin each evening at Seven o'clock.—Front Seats, 2s. Back Seats, 1s.

**Ladies and Gentlemen may have a private performance at their own houses if required, at any time in the day previous to the exhibition.

Any part of the exhibition taught for a reasonable consideration.

Tickets to be had at Messrs Corri and Sutherland's, Music Shop, New

Bridge, where the Sieur may be heard of.

ORKNEY SHIPPING.

Sailed from Stromness.

March 3. Peggy of Greenock, Matthews, from Bristol, for Leith, day. Katy of and from Stromness, Morrison, for Leith, with herrings. Peggy of and from Stromness, McNeil, for Leith, with herrings. Betty of and for Peterhead, Chevill, from Loch-herring Pool, ballast.

4. Kingfish of and from Shiells, Elsney, for St David's Straits.

Remain in said Harbour.

John and Margaret, Thompson; Parfey, Franks; Sarah, Franks; Dufkabey, Hamilton; Maws, Joplard; Hercules, Mon; Shafte, Hinds; Sandy, Bolcraig; all of and from Shiells, for St David's Straits.

Free Love, Brown; Nowlles, Towers; Two Sisters, Banks; all of and from Whitby, for St David's Straits.

Peggy of and from Lowginstown, Wark, for Cromarty, with red herrings and oil.

Two Friends of Sunderland, Taylor, from Liverpool, for Hull, with salt, &c.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, March 14. Jeannie, Bolton, from Jamaica, with sugar; Caledonia, Cokuhoun, from London, in ballast; Nancy, Carlton, from Dumfries, with potatoes; Seahorse, Davidson, from ditto, with ditto.—15. Jenny, M'Niven, from Easdale, with ditto; Lilly, M'Kinlay, from Belfast, with meal.—17. Peggy and Betty, Dunlop, from Campbeltown, with herrings; Jenny, Clyde, from ditto, with ditto.

SAILLED, March 15. Fair Penitent, Hunter, for Barbadoes, with goods.

—16. Jean and Jenny, Connell, for Rotterdam, with tobacco.

ARRIVED AT LEITH.—March 8. Mally, Brown, from Montrose with goods; Diligence, Angus, from Kinghorn, with potatoes.—21. Bell, Mairns, from Montrose, with wheat; Katharine and Isobel, Lyell, from Perth, with goods; Mary, Oliver, from North Berwick, with grain; Jean, Brown, from Glasgow, with goods; Kincardine, Hodge, from Kincaid, with whisky; Charming Peggy, Lamb, from Arbroath, with wheat.

SAILLED, Generous Mind, Knight, for Dundee, with goods; James's Sommerville, for Newcastle, with goods; Macduff, Gill, for Macduff and Banff, with goods. And several small coasters.

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH, March 16. Endeavour, Hutton, from Dundee, with grain; Four Sisters, Lawson, from Chirihiana, with deals; Thomas and Margaret, Scotland, from Perth, with wheat and pease.—17. Carron Packet, Walker, from Leith, for Glasgow, with sundries.

SAILLED, March 15. Sharp, Fife, for Perth, from Ireland, with cow hides.—17. Experiment, Duncan, for Hull, with cast and wrought iron goods; Carron Packet, Campbell, for Kirkcaldy, with ditto.—18. Jean, Brown, from Glasgow, for Leith, with beef; Glasgow Packet, Petrie, from ditto, for Montrose, with sundries.

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH, March 19. Glasgow Packet from Dundee, for Glasgow, with sundries: Mally, Brodie, from Peterhead, with barley; Jean and Janet, Strange, from Alloa, with barley; Betty, Pattie, from Dundee, with pease; Mary, Young, from Limekilns, with sundries; Mercury, Kincaid, from Borrowstounness for Glasgow, with ashes.

By Desire of the Committee of Nicolson's Park District.

THE Proprietors of Nicolson's Park District, are desired to meet in the ROYAL ACADEMY, on Thursday next the 24th instant, at one o'clock afternoon.

Sale of Cellars and Virtual Lofts in Leith.

To be SOLD by public roup, within Gibb's Coffeeshop, Leith, on Thursday the 24th day of March current, at one o'clock afternoon,

THAT large TENEMENT of LAND lying to the north of the Pipes, near the head of the Rotten Row in Leith, consisting of granaries of two stories and garrets, presently possessed by Messrs Miller and Brodie, corn merchants in Leith; with two large vaults below said granaries, the one possessed by Mr Kidd wine merchant, Edinburgh, and the other by Mr Martin Moubray merchant; with a cooper's shop or warehouse, possessed by Mr Robert Johnstone cooper; and two houses above the same, possessed by Messrs Cleghorn bakers, and of a back court and pertinents belonging thereto.

The progress of witts will be seen in the hands of Thomas Smith writer, Argyle-square, Edinburgh, to whom persons inclining to make a private bargain may apply. The subjects will be shown by the said Robert Johnstone.

SALE OF LANDS IN AYRSHIRE.

TO be SOLD, within the Royal Exchange Coffeeshop, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 6th July 1785, between the hours of six and seven afternoon,

The Lands of KNOCKDON, BURN HOUSE, and High and Low KYESTOWNS, lying in the parish of Maybole, and county of Ayr; and Lands of DOWLARG, lying in the parish of Girvan, and county forsoaid, with the teinds and pertinents thereto.

The lands of Dowlarg are held of a superior; and the other lands are held of the Crown, and afford a qualification to vote for a member of Parliament. The lands are of considerable extent, and are capable of great improvements. If the whole are not sold together, it is proposed to expose the same in the following lots, viz. Knockdon and Burn house in lot I. the two Kylefowns in lot II. and Dowlarg in lot III.

The title-deeds and conditions of sale, are in the hands of James Walker, writer to the signet, to whom, or Mr David M'Cree in Ayr, or Mr William Donald in Glasgow, any person desirous to conclude a private bargain may apply.

FEUS in Island of LEWIS.

THE Island of Lewis, on the north-west coast of Scotland, has been pointed out by many intelligent persons as the best adapted situation in this kingdom for carrying on the Fishing Trade.

Francis Humberston-Mackenzie, Esq; of Seafirth, the proprietor of this Island, being very desirous to promote that valuable and useful branch of trade, is resolved, for the encouragement of skilful and industrious persons who may incline to settle there, to let off, in feu or perpetuity, such lots of ground as shall be thought necessary for carrying on trade at a small quit rent, and on the most liberal terms.—The town of Stornoway, in this Island, is already become a flourishing place for trade; has upwards of twenty decked vessels belonging to the port, with a custom-house, post-office, &c. There is at present a feu of a lot of 700 square yards and upwards on the quay, with a tolerable good house, to be disposed of: The feu-duty 1s. and 4d. only.

Persons inclining to take feus, may apply to the said Francis Humberston-Mackenzie, Esq; M. P. London, or to his factor, George Gillanders, Esq; by Beauly, N. B. or to Alexander Mackenzie writer to the signet, in Edinburgh.

The following brief account may prove Matter of additional Consolation to those afflicted with any Scrofulous Eruption, from the most trifling Appearance on the Skin, to those virulent Ulcers which ultimately endanger the Limbs.

MR WATTS, of Charlotte Buildings, near Gray's Inn, London, was many years subject to an inveterate soreness from head to foot, which rendered it necessary for him to wear an almost universal bandage. His hands, in particular, were so severely affected, that the nails of his fingers loosed by the humour which corroded them. In this melancholy situation, after various fruitless attempts of the Faculty, he had recourse to Mr Hayman's Mardon's Drops, TEN bottles of which made him perfectly whole.

MARCH 1, 1785.

These drops continue to be sold at Mr Hayman's house, and Elaboratory for preparing them, in Great Marlborough-street, London (removed from Queen-street, Golden-square), at 5s. 6d. per bottle, duty included; where may be had a small Tract, manifesting their virtues in many well-authenticated cures.

Observe, that each direction-bottle of the Genuine Mardon's Drops is signed by John Hayman, in his proper hand-writing; and that he has appointed them to be sold by all his predecessor's (the late Surgeon Norton's) agents in the kingdom;

Particularly at the following places:

Mr. Husband, Elder, and Company, Edinburgh; Mr. Angus Macdonald Jeweller, Glasgow; Mr. A. Wylie, Dumfries; Mr. Gordon druggist, Aberdeen; Mr. Phorson, Berwick; Mr. Jollie, Carlisle; Miss Furness, Wigton; Mr. Graham, Alnwick; and of Mr. Hume, at Mr. Hodgson's, Newcastle.

BY PARTICULAR DESIRE.

On Tuesday, and every evening this week, and Monday next,

Two new Scenes will be added to

LES OMBRES CHINOISES,

In that large Room in Baile Fyfe's Office.

The Comic Magician will display several entertaining Metamorphoses, with his little spirits: He will transform a flower-pot into a lady; a fountain into a giant; and several other amazing transformations, &c.

The countryman's fall from the tree; or, the unthinking wood-cutter, consisting of variety of scenes and figures, which will be represented in the grandest manner.

11. A comic scene taken from the public gardens at Paris; or, the Macaroni's escape from a shower of rain. In the above piece, a hornpipe will be introduced before the rain.

12. The duck-hunting; or, the active fisherman.

13. The countryman's fall from the tree, &c.

14. A comic scene, called, the Disappointed traveller,—the broken bridge, and humorous dialogue song.

15. A humorous scene of a cobler's wife and child; or, the cat's escape with the dinner out of the pot, &c.

16. The comic magician's curious entertaining metamorphoses.

17. A sea-story amazingly executed, with thunder and lightning, ships in distress, shipwreck, and sea monsters appearing, &c. &c. well known at Alley's Riding School, Westminster-bridge.

These are the original Ombres that were exhibited in Panton street, and Piccadilly, with universal applause, in the French language, and now translated into English.

18. The doors to be opened at seven o'clock, and to begin at eight.

Admittance, Pit 1s.—Gallery 6d.—Places to be taken, and Tickets to be had at the place of performance, from eleven till two o'clock noon.

Good music will attend during the performance, and every thing will be conducted with propriety and decorum.

Private performance at any time of the day, by giving two hours notice.

First Notice—Second Term.

THAT in the process of ranking and sale, at the instance of George Ross, only son of the deceased Andrew Ross, late factor over the earldom, and tackman of the bishopric of Orkney, and John Heddle writer in Kirkwall, disposses of the said Andrew Ross, and trustees for his creditors, widow, and children, with concourse of his Majesty's Advocate, against William Graham painter in London, now of Houstoun, son and heir of the deceased Alexander Graham of Houstoun, and his predececessor's creditors; the Lord Braxfield, Ordinary thereto, by interlocutor, dated the 9th of March current, affixed the 13th day of June next to the creditors, for producing their claims, rights, and diligences, affecting the estate of the bankrupt; and that for the second term; with certification as in a reduction and improbation; and appointed intimation to be made thereof to all concerned, by inserting the said interlocutor once every week, in the Caledonian Mercury and Edinburgh Evening Courant, for three weeks successively, immediately after the date thereof, to the end it may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

GEO. KIRKPATRICK, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE CREDITORS of DAVID TULLO MASON in Brechin, are hereby desired to lodge with John Sivewright writer in Brechin, trustee for the said David Tullo and his creditors, the vouchers of their debts, and affidavits thereon, betwixt and the first day of May next, certifying those who fail, that they will not receive any share of the bankrupt's funds, in the hands of the trustee, which are then to be divided.

Brechin, March 12. 1785.

NOTICE

THAT in the Process of Ranking and Sale, at the instance of Messrs Douglas, Heron, and Company, late bankers in Ayr, and their factor and manager, with concourse of his Majesty's Advocate, against John Dobie of Tundergarth and his creditors, Lord Brasfield, Ordinary, by interlocutor of date the 4th day of March 1785, appointed intimation to be made, that the following subject was lately discovered to belong to the said John Dobie, the common debtor, viz. "All and whole one fourth share of the Westwood Bank, and pertinents thereto, to be laid off from the upper end of the fume, lying within the parish of Tundergarth, and of Dumfries;" and is to be sold as part of the bankrupt's estate. Of which this notice is given accordingly, that the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

H. S. STEVENSON, Clerk.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD by public auction, within the Exchange Coffeeshop, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 28th June 1785, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,</p

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS

IN THE SHIRE OF DUMFRIES.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 28th of July next, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon, the following LANDS which belonged to John Graham of Corrielaw,

LOT I. The Lands of CORRIELAW and NEWTON, alias THIEF-CLEUGH, lying in the parish of Dryfdale, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rent after all deductions, is L. 37 12 5 9-12ths. And the proven value, being held of a subject-superior, at 23 years purchase, is L. 865 7 0 8-12ths.

The teinds are deduced from the rent, and amount to 211 Sterling, but the proprietor has been in use only to pay 41. 4s. 0d. 6-12ths Sterling annually of teind duty, the superior paying the stipend; and it is probable, that no higher demand will be made for the teinds in future, which is a circumstance of considerable advantage to the purchaser, as no value is put upon the free teind in fixing the above upset price.

This farm consists of about 300 acres, which is mostly arable, and the remainder is good pasture. There is an onefield of houses lately built by the proprietor, and the lands lie within a few miles of the market towns of Ecclefechan and Lockerby, and are pleasantly situated on the water of Corrie.

LOT II. The Lands of BURNHEAD and Teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Tundergarth, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rent, after all deductions, is L. 21 2 0.

And the proven value, being held of a subject-superior at 23 years purchase, is L. 485 6 0.

This farm, which is situated upon the water of Milk, consists of about 130 acres, all arable and meadow, and mostly inclosed. It is capable of great improvement, being in the neighbourhood of limestone quarries.

LOT III. A Decree of Adjudication at the instance of the said John Graham, against John Carruthers of Bogside, adjudging the lands of Bogside for payment of two sums, which amount, with interest, to L. 467 18 0.

And which is to be set up at that sum.

The articles of sale and progrès may be seen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, Deputy Clerk of Session, and further information will be got by applying to Mungo Dobie writer in Lockerby, factor upon the subjects.

To be SOLD, by public roup, or auction, within the Exchange Cofee-house, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 23d June 1785, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

I. The Barony of CLOWDEN, alias NEWARK, lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick Irongray, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the lands and farms of Rowton Bridge, Upper, Nether, and Mid Dalwhairn, Lagg, Rouchtree, Hallhill, Cobboxholm, Newark Braes, Whinnyhill, Ingleton, Gateside, or Kirkpatrick and Clowden, with the corn, barley, and wheat mills, a fishmongering in the river Clowden, and the vice patronage of the parish of Kirkpatrick Irongray.

This estate is of a remarkable good soil, well inclosed and subdivided with stone dykes, and thriving full-grown hedges; it is at present in good condition, and there is sufficiency of shell marble upon it to keep it so. It contains about 1870 acres, whereof 1500 are arable and meadow, about 90 woodland, and the remainder very good pasture. The present rent is 881 l. 6s. 1d. Sterling, but a considerable rise may be depended on at the expiry of the current leases. It holds of the Crown, and stands rated in the censuses at 1260 l. 10 s. Scots. The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to them.

The woods are well inclosed, and very thriving; at last cutting they fold for upwards of 700 l. Sterling, exclusive of the woods on Hallhill, which are presently fit for sale.

This estate is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Clowden, within three miles of the town of Dumfries, and it has many delightful situations upon it for building a mansion-house, which would command the view of the rivers Nith and Clowden, the town and port of Dumfries, the whole Gentlemen's seats in that rich and populous neighbourhood, the Solway frith, and the Cumberland hills.

H. The lands of Over and Nether BARNCLEUGHS, lying in the said parish and county, within a mile and an half of Clowden, consisting of about 200 acres, whereof 160 are arable, and 19 moors, where there is an inexhaustible quantity of shell marble.

These lands are all sufficiently inclosed and subdivided with good stone walls. The present rent is only 50 l. but when the current lease expires, four years hence, a considerable rise will be got.

The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to them.

III. The lands and estate of GELSTON, lying in the parishes of Kelton and Buitle, and county aforesaid, comprehending the farms of Boreland and Gelston, with the mill and mill-lands; and Craigley in the parish of Kelton, and Cull in the parish of Buitle, containing about 1360 acres, all of an exceeding rich quality, well inclosed and subdivided, with stone walls, and full grown fenceable hedges.

On this estate, there is a good Mansion-house and offices, with a garden and orchard, and some thriving plantations; and an inexhaustible quantity of shell marble for improving the same, and for sale to the neighbouring heritors.

The estate is Let to good tenants, at 600 l. 15 s. Sterling, of yearly rent; the whole holds of the Crown, and the lands of Boreland afford a freehold-qualification on the old extent. The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to them in the parish of Buitle, and to a current tach of the teinds in the parish of Kelton.

The situation of Gelston is very convenient and inviting, being within three miles of the sea-port of Auchincarron, on the Solway frith, and two miles of the great military road leading from Carlyle to Portpatrick, to both of which there are good roads.

IV. These parts of the Barony of GLASNOCK, lying in the parish of Penningham and county of Wigton, comprehending the farms of Over and Nether Glasnocks, Killeal, Kirkchrist, and Killymore, with a salmon fishing in the river Bladnoch, and the superiority of the lands of Drummerry and Carlbue, lying in the parish of Kirkcowlan, and county of Wigton.

These are good grazing lands, both for black cattle and sheep. The present rent, including the feu-duties in Kirkcowlan parish, is only 1141. 12s. 9d. 6-12ths, but the tenants paid large graftums in 1766, when their leases commenced; so in 1787, when they expire, a great rise may be depended on, large offers being already made. The teinds are valued, and the tenants pay all the public burdens, stipend excepted.

V. The farm of CULSCADDEN, in the parish of Sorbie and county of Wigton, also part of the said Barony of Glashock, let at 160 l. per annum, consisting of about 200 acres, all good arable land, except about 15 acres lying on the Bay of Wigton, and having a safe port for exporting the produce of the lands.

This farm is all inclosed and subdivided, has within it an inexhaustible quantity of shell marble, and sea shells; and the kelp on the shore yields from ten to twelve guineas every third year.

The teinds are valued. The title-deeds, conditions of sale, tacks, rentals, plans, and measurements of the several estates before-mentioned, will be seen in the hands of William Campbell writer to the signet; and for further information apply to Alexander Farquharson accomptant in Edinburgh, who has power to sell by private bargain.

John Linton in Gateside, near Dumfries, will shew the estate of Clowden, Mr Heron, jun. of Ingleton, the estate of Celton, and Mr Cockburn at Cree-bridge, the lands in Wigtonshire.

For Marthabrac, Montego Bay, Lucea, and the adjacent parts, And to call at Kingston, or Morant Bay, if encouraging freight offers,

THE SHIP ALEXANDER,

ROBERT RASIDE Master,

NOW lying in the harbour of Greenock, ready to take on board goods, and will positively sail on or about the 25th March.—The Alexander is a stout vessel, built of live oak and cedar; sails fast, and has good accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to Mess. George Brown and Co. and Mess. John Tilcock and Co., Glasgow, or Neill Campbell and Co. Greenock.

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FEU-DUTIES TO BE SOLD.

BETWEEN Three Hundred and Four Hundred Pounds Sterling of yearly feu-duties in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, in whole or in parcels, as purchasers incine.

Apply for particulars to Mr Ferguson writer, Buchanan's Court, Lawnmarket.

Farms in the Counties of Edinburgh & Berwick

TO LET.

TO be LET by public roup, at New Channelkirk, at twelve o'clock mid-day, upon Saturday the 16th April next, and entered to at Whitunday night.

The following FARMS, parts of the Estate of Crookstoun, viz.

1. NETTLEFIELD and CAIKMUIRHILL, in the parish of Stow, prently possessed by John White, containing 807 Scots acres of arable and pasture land, within three miles of fundy lime kilns, to which there is easy access by turnpike roads.

2. HOPPRINGLE, in the same parish, possessed by James Paterson, containing 620 Scots acres of arable and pasture land. This farm is only six miles from Middleton lime kiln. There was lately built on the farm a commodious tenants house, which is well fitted up.

3. CROOKSTOWN NORTHMAINS, in the same parish, as prently possessed by John Chisholm.

4. LADYDEE in the parish of Heriot, possessed by Archibald Tait, containing 1460 Scots acres. This farm grazes 50 score of sheep; is remarkably sound and healthy, and grows as much grain as maintains the tenant's family. There is a convenient dwelling-house lately built on it.

5. GARWALD in the same parish, possessed by William Brunton, containing 1634 Scots acres, not merely heather and moor, the greatest part being sweet green pasture on dry hills. This farm contains a most beautiful hope or strath, altogether within itself, and also produces a sufficient crop of corn for the tenant's family.

6. CAANELLKIRK LARGE PARK, with the houses at Old Chanekirk, possessed by Mr Jaffray.—And,

7. CHANNELKIRK NEW INN, with complete offices, and about 12 acres of arable Ground.

Persons inclining to take any of the above farms, may apply to Mess. Bothwicks, the proprietors, at Crookstoun, or to William Riddell writer to that tigne.—The servants at Crookstoun will shew the lands.

JUDICIAL SALE OF DURN.

To be Sold by public roup, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament-house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 22d of July 1785, between the hours of four and six afternoon.

ALL and Whole the Lands, Barony, and Estate of DURN, with the Teinds and Mill of the same, lying in the parish of Fordyce and shire of Banff; the proven free rent whereof, exclusive of the cfs, which is paid by the tenants, is 721. 6s. 4d. 3-12ths, and the uplift price 19,467 l. 10s. 6d. The valued rent is 952 l. Scots; and those parts of the lands held of the Crown, entitle the proprietor to a freehold-qualification in the county.

The estate is reckoned to contain about 1600 Scots acres, exclusive of a share in an undivided common and moor. It is situated within a quarter of a mile of that populous flourishing sea-port town called Portsoy, five miles from Banff, and three from Cullen, through all which the great post-road leads, and in that district of the thre called the Boyne, remarkable for its excellent soil and climate, fertile in all kinds of grain, and of late much distinguished for a spirit of improvement.—The estate is well tenanted, most of the leases nearly expired, and, upon a renewal, it is expected will yield more than double the present rent.—The lands abound with lime-stone, marble, and whin-stone quarries; and on the hill of Durn there are great quantities of white stone, fit for potties, for which advantageous offers have been made. The lands are also well accommodated with the means of improvement, as the barony has a servitude on the inexhaustible moles of Park, and, from their vicinity to water-carriage, coal, and every other necessary, are easily procured. The Gardens of Durn are very extensive, and well stocked with fruit-trees of the best kinds; a considerable part of the estate contiguous to the house is inclosed, and subdivided with whin and thorn hedges, with belts of thriving young plantations, which renders the parks remarkably warm and well sheltered. There is likewise a good deal of old planting about the house, on which no value is put.

A new house may be set down at a little distance from the old one, on a more elevated and most eligible spot, in the middle of a rich loamy field of forty acres, well supplied with spring and running water, and diversified with most delightful and extensive prospects of the Moray Frith and adjacent country.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the office of Mr Alexander Ross, depute-clerk of session: and the rental, with a measurment of the estate, in the hands of Andrew Stewart jun. writer to the signet, agent in the sale; to whom, or Mr Keith Dunbar, depute-clerk of Session, intending purchasers may apply for other particulars. A plan of the estate lies with Mr James Duff at Banff, factor appointed by the Court; and John Ross, gardener at Durn, will shew the grounds.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS AND SUPERIORITIES

In the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th of June next, betwixt the hours of four and five in the afternoon,

THE LANDS AND SUPERIORITIES after mentioned, which belonged to John Colhart of Arreemeng, being all parts of the barony of Kirkpatrick-Durham.

LOT I. The Lands of Nether Knockwallach, Upper and Nether Culfaid, and Mill of Lochpatrick.

The proven free rent is L. 107 18 7 6-12ths

And the proven value thereof, at 23 years purchase, being held of the Crown, is L. 2482 8 4-12ths

These lands give a qualification in the county upon the old extent.

LOT II. The Superiority of the lands of Auchinhay, Boghall, Moyside, Kirkmeadow, Barmossie, Minnidow, Culhangan, and Knockwallach.

The yearly feu-duties payable from these lands is L. 2 3 3

And the proven value thereof is L. 214 0 0

LOT III. The Superiority of the lands of Neilson's Kirkland, Turner's Kirkland, Bardaroch, Corfe, Barbain, Over Barr, Nether Barr, Holehouse, and Sorchill.

The yearly feu-duties payable therefrom is L. 1 9 3 7-12ths

And the proven value thereof is L. 237 0 0

LOT IV. The Superiority of the Lands of Kirklebride, Arreemeng, Upper and Nether Drunhumphreys, Tarbreach, and Garmartine.

The yearly feu-duties payable therefrom is L. 1 6 8 11-12ths.

And the proven value thereof is L. 229 0 0

These three last Lots afford each a qualification in the county upon the valued rent; but the purchasers must satisfy themselves as to that, and likewise as to the qualification on the old extent of Lot I.

LOT V. The Superiority of the Lands of Upper and Nether Martartney, and tiends thereof.

The yearly feu and tiend duty payable therefrom is L. 1 10 11 8-12ths.

And the proven value thereof is L. 125 0 0

The Lands of Upper Martartney are valued at 341. Scots; and the Lands of Nether Martartney are valued at 134. Scots.

LOT VI. The Houfe and office in Dumfries, possessed by the said John Colhart, or his subtenants.

The proven rent whereof is L. 12 10 0

And the proven value, being held feu of the town of Dumfries, at ten years purchase, is L. 125 0 0

The titles, and articles of roup may be seen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of session; and further information will be got by applying to John Thomson writer in Kirkcudbright, factor upon the subjects.



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